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6 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
7 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**  
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9 Montez Lavell Wright, III,

10 Petitioner,

11 v.

12 Attorney General of the State of Arizona, et  
13 al.,

14 Respondents.

No. CV-24-00260-PHX-KML

**ORDER**

15 Petitioner Montez Lavell Wright, III, filed a motion to alter or amend the judgment  
16 denying him habeas relief. (Doc. 22.) Construing his motion as seeking reconsideration, it  
17 is denied.

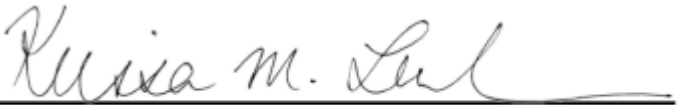
18 A motion for reconsideration should not ask the court “to rethink what the court had  
19 already thought through—rightly or wrongly.” *Harrington v. Cracker Barrel Old Country*  
20 *Store Inc.*, 713 F. Supp. 3d 568, 576 (D. Ariz. 2024) (quotation marks and citation omitted).

21 Wright’s motion argues he was unable to respond to the report and recommendation  
22 (“R&R”) this court adopted, and that his procedural default in state court was excused  
23 because appellate counsel was ineffective. (Doc. 22 at 1-2.) But Wright did file objections  
24 to the R&R raising the same claims of cause and prejudice—and more—that he re-urges  
25 now. (Doc. 17.) The court considered Wright’s objections and rejected them in its order  
26 adopting the R&R, noting he had not shown cause because his claim of ineffective  
27 assistance was not “substantial” and, independently, he had not shown prejudice. (Doc. 20  
28 at 2.) Wright’s motion offers no basis for revisiting those conclusions.

1 Accordingly,

2 **IT IS ORDERED** the Motion to Alter or Amend Judgment (Doc. 22) is **DENIED**.

3 Dated this 14th day of January, 2025.

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7 **Honorable Krissa M. Lanham**  
8 **United States District Judge**  
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